

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 149

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Catherine Elizabeth "Beth" Marks on the occasion of her being named the 2023 Maury County Public Schools Middle School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Elizabeth "Beth" Marks is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a seventh- and eighth-grade English language arts teacher at Hampshire Unit School, Ms. Marks was recently named the 2023 Teacher of the Year for Maury County Public Schools, a most befitting honor for her tenure as an educator, as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, highly trained in the educational arts, she has a bachelor's degree in secondary English from Martin Methodist College, as well as a master's degree in curriculum and instruction and an educational specialist degree in administration and supervision from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Beth Marks is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously throughout her sixteen-year career in education to motivate her students, fellow teachers, and staff to reach their full potential as scholars, professionals, citizens, and lifelong learners; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Marks also serves outside the classroom, volunteering her time and efforts as a youth leader and member of Mt. Moriah Cumberland Presbyterian Church, a

member of the J. Marlin Goodman Scholarship Committee, a sponsor for the Junior Beta Club, and an English language arts (ELA) coach for school; and

WHEREAS, a woman of accomplishment, Ms. Marks has served as an instructional coach, an assistant principal, and a member of various ELA committees for the Tennessee Department of Education; she had perfect attendance as a high school student, and she has perfect attendance in her sixteen years in the educational field; and

WHEREAS, when she is not serving in the classroom or volunteering, Ms. Marks enjoys spending time on the beach or with her family; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Marks is truly an inspiration to the faculty and staff at Hampshire Unit School, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Beth Marks epitomizes the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Catherine Elizabeth "Beth" Marks on being chosen as the 2023 Maury County Public Schools Middle School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.